

The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon



Annual Report 2020 and Agenda for the 2021 Annual Vestry Meeting & 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on 25th April 2021 at 3pm, via Zoom

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Agenda for the Vestry Meeting 2021

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2020
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2020
3. Reports of the PCC
 - 3.1. Electoral Roll
 - 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC
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5. Elections
 - 5.1. Elections to the Deanery Synod
 - 5.2. Elections to the PCC
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Vicar's Report

In October 2020 we reported on activities in 2019:

Minutes of 2020 Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on Sunday 11th October 2020 at 3pm in the Parish Hall (under COVID-19 restrictions). 16 people were present. The Annual Report for 2019 had been circulated beforehand. The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert chaired the meeting.

1. Vestry Meeting

i) The Minutes of the 2019 Vestry Meeting (Annual Report p4) were accepted as an accurate record.

ii) The Church Wardens' report (Annual Report pp 8-9) was received: it was noted that due to COVID-19 restrictions the inspection of the Terrier and Inventory had not been carried out in the usual way. The vicar had checked the furniture and the wardens had checked the silverware. All had been found to be in order. There were no questions. Jenny Grant and Marie Philpott were thanked for their hard work during the year.

iii) Marie Philpott and Jenny Grant were elected as Church Wardens for the 2020-2021 year, until the next APCM in March 2021.

This concluded the Vestry Meeting.

2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

i) The Minutes of the 2019 APCM (Annual Report, pp 4-5) were accepted as an accurate record.

ii) The Reports of the PCC were presented (*pp 6-15*), with the following additional comment: The Electoral Roll now had 98 members (2 fewer than in the Annual Report)

iii) The Treasurer's Report and Accounts (pp 10-15) were received. There were no questions.

iv) Group reports were received (*pp 16-30*). It was noted that Anne Hudson had taken on the co-ordination role of Sunday

morning after-service refreshments. Enid Bage was thanked for carrying out this role for 12 years.

v) Elections to the Deanery Synod.

There were 2 vacancies for 3 years, until 30th June 2023. Keith Higgin and Cathy Barnes were elected to the Deanery Synod.

vi) Elections to the PCC.

There were 2 vacancies for 3 years, until the APCM 2023. David Scrafton and Jill Rowden were elected.

vii) Appointment of Independent Examiner

The 2019 accounts had been independently examined by Mr Peter Calvert, who is willing to continue in this role. Mr Calvert was therefore appointed as Independent Examiner for 2020-21.

viii) Vicars Report

The APCM had been delayed for over 6 months due to COVID-19, which meant that reviewing 2019's activities in October 2020 felt very strange! 2019 had been dominated by building work on the spire, and repairs to the Old School Room following the accident in March 2019. As a result, the planned celebrations of the church's 150th anniversary had been somewhat overshadowed.

Our participation in the 'Partnership for Missional Church' initiative had begun, aiming to build up the people of our community, and it was hoped that this could be revitalised soon.

We face an uncertain future at the moment, but God is in control, he has a plan, he works through people to achieve it, though not necessarily when and where we expect it. We need to keep faith in God, as he does with us.

The APCM concluded at 3.20pm.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 brought illness, anxiety and distress to many, and a new and unsettling normality for us all. Although our buildings had to close for a while, the Church (by which we mean its people) has not been closed, and has continued to support our communities in all sorts of ways, through acts of community service, praying for the needs of the parish and through online worship.

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes: *'At some point, when it is safe to do so, the doors of our buildings will open again, and when that time comes, we will continue to serve, giving people space to reflect, to grieve, to say thank you, to renew hope. The Church of England is the Church for England and we are utterly committed to serving our communities with the physical resources we have.'*

At All Saints Cleadon, although many of our activities were curtailed or shut down, we have tried to keep in contact with our church members through telephone calls and online meetings and services. Nevertheless it is fair to say that in 2020 there was a lot less going on (our Parish Hall was closed to group meetings), and face-to-face contact - a key part

of fellowship for many - was very restricted.

As a consequence of this our 2020 Annual Report is a slimmed-down version of that which we normally provide. In these pages you will find the usual information on the governance and finance of the church: our financial position for the year, and the proceedings of the PCC.

Reports from church organisations, however, are understandably much briefer than usual, because many groups were unable to meet in the normal way. It is gratifying, though, to read how these groups kept in touch and managed to maintain some semblance of 'normal' during 2020.

Reports for 2020

Report of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Cleadon Lane, Cleadon, Sunderland, SR6 7UU. It is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Durham.

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Sunderland Road,
Cleadon,
Sunderland
SR6 7UR.

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Church building, the Parish Hall and the Old School Room.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the All Saints Church and its associated buildings.

Public Benefit

Our worship is open to all regardless of faith or affiliation. The resources available to the PCC are used to further its aims and purposes. The PCC takes as wide an interpretation of the 'whole mission of the Church' as possible to enable community use of its buildings, whilst retaining the right to not allow use that is contrary to this mission.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity No. 1132228 with the title "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Cleadon".

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Electoral Roll

At the end of 2020, our Electoral Roll stood at 100. This total comprises 31 men and 69 women, of which 76 live in Cleadon and 24 attend from outside the parish boundary.

Val Wallbank

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and

vulnerable adults). Thankfully there have been no incidents to report.

Members of the PCC have completed elements of the Church of England Safeguarding Training programme during the year.

Vernon Cuthbert

Proceedings of the PCC

The PCC continued to meet throughout 2020, although from June the meetings were held via Zoom. During the pandemic it was agreed that the Standing Committee would act on behalf of the full PCC for everyday decision-making and maintenance: decisions made were put before the full PCC as soon as reasonably practicable. Aspects of PCC work delegated to Standing Committee in the early part of lockdown included: keeping the congregations informed about suspension of Public Worship (for 3 months from March); preparing for re-opening for private prayer and services; payment when possible of the Parish Share; and administering the furlough scheme arrangements for our Cleaner/Administrator. Permission was given by the Church of England to delay the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (normally required to take place by 31st May) until October. Our APCM, suitably socially distanced, was held in the Parish Hall on 11th October.

Early in the year considerable discussion time was given to preparing for Vernon's licencing to both Cleadon and Whitburn parishes, which took place on 4th May. Changes to services times and other arrangements were agreed amicably by both churches, and from May it was agreed that our main Sunday service would move to 9am.

A concern for the PCC was whether we would be able to pay the 2020 Parish Share that we had pledged to the Diocese, given that the closure at times of both Church and Parish Hall meant reduced income. However at the year-end we were pleased to be able to pay the 2020 pledge of £40,000 in full.

Following the resignation of Helen Belsham as Treasurer we were grateful to Keith Higgin for taking over until a new Treasurer could be found. The PCC expressed its thanks to Helen for her work in this role since 2015. Keith worked during 2020 on the new 'Data Developments' accounting system, so that it would be in a good state to hand over to a new person at a later date. The PCC also recorded its thanks to Gordon Trewhitt, who retired after many years as our organist.

As we began to offer online services it became clear that this new way of reaching worshippers needed effective resourcing, and so it was agreed that broadband would be installed in church, and licences to stream recorded music would be purchased. Thanks to a generous donation, these were introduced without cost to the church.

The PCC recorded its indebtedness to Jenny & Marie our churchwardens, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes doing all the jobs that locked-down volunteers were unable to do, to make things work smoothly and safely throughout the year.

Cathy Barnes (PCC Secretary)

PCC Membership

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|------------------|---|
| Vernon Cuthbert* | Priest-in-charge/ Chair |
| Marie Philpott* | Churchwarden |
| Jenny Grant* | Churchwarden |
| Keith Higgin* | Deanery Synod to 30.06.23 |
| | Diocesan Synod to 2021 |
| Cathy Barnes* | Deanery Synod to 30.06.23/Vice Chair |

Elected until APCM 2021

Nigel Thomas
Beverley George
Robina Lawson

Elected until APCM 2022

Anne Hudson
Helen Belsham
Rob Lawson

Elected until APCM 2023

David Scrafton
Jill Rowden

(denotes an ex-officio member of the
council by way of their post).*

The **Standing Committee** consists of the Priest-in-charge, the Churchwardens, and the Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the PCC. It meets on an occasional basis when urgent business needs to be transacted by the PCC.

Churchwardens' Report for 2019

This has been a year to learn new skills and for innovation. Services proceeded as normal until the middle of March when the church was shut following government guidelines. A pre-recorded service was introduced, available online or by telephone, and this has continued throughout the year. Services were streamed on You Tube for All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday, Christingle, and Family carols on Christmas Eve.

Whilst the church building has been closed, we have met on Zoom for Morning Prayer on a Thursday which allows different people to participate and some social interaction after the service. We are grateful to the anonymous donor who paid for us to extend the Wi-Fi (from the Parish Hall to the church) and for the additional copyright licence which will allow livestreaming of services from the church building in future.

The church re-opened for worship from August until November and again for most of December with a capacity of 16 households. Initially we operated a booking system but the demand was not great enough to warrant this so it was abandoned after a month, services being on a first come basis although we have never needed to turn anybody away.

Funerals have continued in church when allowed and we have celebrated one wedding and one baptism with restricted numbers.

On May 4th, during a Zoom service, Vernon was licenced as Priest-in-Charge of Whitburn and All Saints, Cleadon and since then has been splitting his time between the two parishes. This has meant that both churches needed to change the time of their Sunday services. When we are able to use the church building Cleadon now has one service on a Sunday at 9am and the usual 10am Thursday service.

We had a Cranmer student on placement over the summer who started a monthly All Age Café Church on the third Sunday of the month. This has continued with varying numbers and has been enjoyed by those attending. There has usually been a short bible story, a

related talk and craft activity over a cup of tea or juice.

From March until the end of August we ran a 'telephone tree', trying to contact weekly all members of the church family known to us, and since the first lockdown a weekly email has been produced by the vicar or churchwardens. This has been sent to all whose email addresses we have.

Social functions have been few this year but in January we had a quiz with fish and chips and managed another on Zoom in December with sing-along carols between rounds.

Missional activity has been limited but we have made a particular effort to support the Key 2 Life foodbank and have twinned the church toilet with one in North Kivu, DRC using donations collected during Lent. Janet and Helen Cuthbert cooked and delivered apple crumbles and mince pies to some of the more vulnerable members of the community (see page 23) and we have been paying socially distanced calls when allowed.

In advent, we erected a nativity scene next to the village Christmas tree and figures from the nativity story travelled around the community.

We carried out the required annual inspection of the terrier and inventory as best we could under the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

We would like to thank Vernon for the many hours he has put in to ensure the services run smoothly and are grateful that he understands the technology so well.

Jenny Grant and Marie Philpott

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod was only able to meet once in 2020. The Deanery Plan was approved, which included the need to set up a Mission & Pastoral Working Group to consider how to implement the aims in the Plan.

At our meeting in February we heard from agencies working in South Tyneside to address poverty: we were shocked to learn that 36% of children in the Borough live in poverty, and more children suffer deprivation during school holidays. Hebburn Helps and Churches Together (the Key2Life Food Bank) provide food parcels, uniforms, holiday meals for kids, sanitary protection, and referrals to debt support agencies.

Although the pandemic intervened with plans to take the Plan forward, a proposal for the Deanery to adopt a 'poverty project' remains on the table.

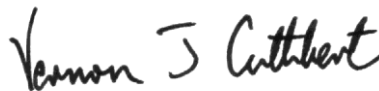
**Keith Higgin, Jenny Grant
& Cathy Barnes**

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on pages 10-15 following.

Keith Higgin

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 07/04/2021 and signed on their behalf by the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.



Financial Review

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in particular the 5th Edition PCC Accountability, the Annual Accounts are presented adopting the Receipts and Payments basis.

Total Receipts into Unrestricted Funds are down at £70,874 (2019 £79,591), but this is not surprising given the situation during 2020. Planned Giving has held up well at £30,422 (2019 £33,161), but Hall Lettings are down at £7,219 (2019 £16,451). The other major reductions are in receipts from loose collections, our social and fund-raising events, occasional offices and magazine advertisements. We have, however, received £12,000 more from catching up on our Gift Aid Claims and £3,000 from Legacies.

Payments from Unrestricted Funds have reduced at £73,412 (2019 £75,960). There have been reductions in Utility bills because of closure of the buildings. We met our Parish Share pledge in full at £40,000, a slight increase on the amount paid in 2019.

The end result is an excess of payments over receipts of £2,538.40 on the General Account for the year.

The Friends Designated Account shows a surplus of £747.37 and the Repair Fund Restricted Account a surplus of £670.60, reducing the Total Funds deficit to £1,120.43.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to endeavour to maintain a balance in General and Designated accounts equivalent to 3 months payments, to cover cash flow and emergency situations that may arise. The balances totalling £9,919.60 are below this requirement.

Investment Policy

It is the PCC policy to invest any surplus fund balances with the Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit account.

Keith Higgin

All Saints' Church Cleadon - 1132228 Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

| | Unrestricted funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Endow- ment funds | Total funds | Prior year total funds |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Receipts</i> | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 52,145.67 | — | — | — | 52,145.67 | 114,337 |
| Income from charitable activities | 3,400.72 | — | 102.35 | — | 3,503.07 | 14,757 |
| Other trading activities | 8,096.15 | 869.8 | — | — | 8,965.95 | 21,711 |
| Investments | — | 9.96 | 36.73 | — | 46.69 | 112 |
| Other income | 7,231.55 | 115 | 8,204.23 | — | 15,550.78 | 3,207 |
| Total receipts | 70,874.09 | 994.76 | 8,343.31 | — | 80,212.16 | 154,124 |
| <i>Payments</i> | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 67.54 | — | — | — | 67.54 | 521 |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 46,798.12 | — | 102.35 | — | 46,900.47 | 47,292 |
| Other expenditure | 26,546.83 | 247.39 | 7,570.36 | — | 34,364.58 | 100,456 |
| Total payments | 73,412.49 | 247.39 | 7,672.71 | — | 81,332.59 | 148,269 |
| Excess of receipts over payments before transfer | -2,538.40 | 747.37 | 670.6 | — | -1,120.43 | 5,855 |
| <i>Transfers</i> | | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds - in | 4,256.88 | — | — | — | 4,256.88 | — |
| Gross transfers between funds - out | — | — | -4,256.88 | — | -4,256.88 | — |
| Excess of receipts over payments before other gains | 1,718.48 | 747.37 | -3,586.28 | — | -1,120.43 | 5,855 |
| Net movement in funds | 1,718.48 | 747.37 | -3,586.28 | — | -1,120.43 | 5,855 |
| <i>Reconciliation of funds</i> | | | | | | |
| All assets at 01 January 2020 | 6,800.21 | 2,241.54 | 10,542.14 | — | 19,583.89 | 13,728 |
| All assets at 31 December 2020 | 8,518.69 | 2,988.91 | 6,955.86 | — | 18,463.46 | 19,583 |
| <i>Represented by</i> | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | | | | |
| General fund | 8,518.69 | — | — | — | 8,518.69 | 6,800 |
| Designated | | | | | | |
| Friends of All Saints Fund | — | 2,988.91 | — | — | 2,988.91 | 2,241 |
| Restricted | | | | | | |
| Charities Fund | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Repair and Maintenance Fund | — | — | 6,955.86 | — | 6,955.86 | 10,542 |

All Saints' Church Cleadon - 1132228 Analysis of Receipts and Payments
For the period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

| Income and endowments | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Donations and legacies</i> | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Endow-ment | Total this year | Total last year |
| Bank S/O's Gift Aided | 7702.00 | — | — | — | 7702.00 | 11464 |
| Parish Giving Sch Gift Aided | 12897.06 | — | — | — | 12897.06 | 3254 |
| Planned Giving Env Gift Aided | 8671.61 | — | — | — | 8671.61 | 16243 |
| Other Giving Gift Aided | 540.00 | — | — | — | 540.00 | — |
| Bank S/O's Non Gift Aid | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Parish Giving Scheme Non Gift Aid | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Planned Giving Env Non Gift Aid | 612.00 | — | — | — | 612.00 | 2200 |
| Other Giving Non Gift Aid | 439.68 | — | — | — | 439.68 | 2270 |
| Loose collections | 375.70 | — | — | — | 375.70 | — |
| Collections - Funerals | — | — | — | — | —) | 1075 |
| Collections - Weddings | — | — | — | — | —) | — |
| Collections - Baptisms | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Donations - Sundry | 494.00 | — | — | — | 494.00 | 2780 |
| Donations - Appeals | — | — | — | — | — | 69443 |
| Gift Aid reclaimed | 15774.37 | — | — | — | 15774.37 | 5608 |
| Gift Aid Small Don Scheme | 1639.25 | — | — | — | 1639.25 | — |
| Legacies | 3000.00 | — | — | — | 3000.00 | — |
| <i>Donations and legacies Totals</i> | 52145.67 | — | — | — | 52145.67 | 114337 |
| <i>Income from charitable activities</i> | | | | | | |
| Social Events | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sunday Coffee | 175.72 | — | — | — | 175.72) | — |
| Saturday Morning Coffee | 131.00 | — | — | — | 131.00) | 3552 |
| Coffee Shop O S R | 400.00 | — | — | — | 400.00) | — |
| Grand Draw - Christmas Events | — | — | — | — | — | 1513 |
| Fund Raising Events | 426.00 | — | — | — | 426.00 | — |
| Charitable Events | — | — | 102.35 | — | 102.35 | 2780 |
| PCC Fees Funerals | 402.00 | — | — | — | 402.00) | 6912 |
| PCC Fees Weddings | 422.00 | — | — | — | 422.00) | — |
| Fees for DBF, Organist Verger & Bells | 1444.00 | — | — | — | 1,444.00) | — |
| <i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i> | 3400.72 | — | 102.35 | — | 3503.07 | 14757 |
| <i>Other trading activities</i> | | | | | | |
| Friends subscriptions | 115.00 | 498.00 | — | — | 613.00 | 705 |
| Friends sale of goods | — | 141.80 | — | — | 141.80 | 135 |
| Friends donations | — | 230.00 | — | — | 230.00 | 1873 |
| Magazine Subs and Adverts | 762.15 | — | — | — | 762.15 | 2547 |
| Hall, OSR and Chapter House Lettings | 7219.00 | — | — | — | 7219.00 | 16451 |
| <i>Other trading activities Totals</i> | 8096.15 | 869.80 | — | — | 8965.95 | 21711 |

| Investments | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Endow-ment | Total this year | Total last year |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bank and CBF Interest | — | 9.96 | 36.73 | — | 46.69 | 112 |
| Investments Totals | — | 9.96 | 36.73 | — | 46.69 | 112 |
| Other income | | | | | | |
| Grants HMRC and LPW Scheme | 3511.08 | — | — | — | 3511.08 | 1894 |
| Insurance claims | — | — | — | — | — | 1030 |
| Sundry Receipts | 406.99 | — | — | — | 406.99 | 283 |
| Transfers | 3313.48 | 115.00 | 8204.23 | — | 11632.71 | — |
| Other income Totals | 7231.55 | 115.00 | 8204.23 | — | 15550.78 | 3207 |
| Income and Endowments Grand Totals | 70874.09 | 994.76 | 8343.31 | — | 80212.16 | 154124 |

Expenditure

Raising funds

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| Social Events | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Christmas Events | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Giving Envelopes | 67.54 | — | — | — | 67.54 | — |
| Children's Society | — | — | — | — | — | 413 |
| Church Mission Society | — | — | — | — | — | 108 |
| Raising funds Totals | 67.54 | — | — | — | 67.54 | 521 |

Expenditure on charitable activities

| | | | | | | |
|--|----------|---|--------|---|----------|-------|
| Mission Giving | — | — | 102.35 | — | 102.35 | 493 |
| Parish Share current year | 40000.00 | — | — | — | 40000.00 | 36387 |
| Parish Share - prior year | — | — | — | — | — | 1960 |
| Church Staff and Services | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Parish Administrator | 4146.00 | — | — | — | 4146.00 | 3512 |
| Parish Administrator Pension | 256.52 | — | — | — | 256.52 | — |
| Organist | 252.00 | — | — | — | 252.00 | 1248 |
| HMRC | 225.40 | — | — | — | 225.40 | — |
| Organ/Verger/Bells-Wed-Fun | 165.00 | — | — | — | 165.00 | 1368 |
| Vicar's expenses | 1041.41 | — | — | — | 1041.41 | 1700 |
| Vicarage Water Rates | 476.09 | — | — | — | 476.09 | 546 |
| Assistant Clergy Travel | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Visiting Clergy | — | — | — | — | — | 78 |
| Mission and Evangelism | 235.70 | — | — | — | 235.70 | — |
| Baptism costs | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Expenditure on charitable activities Totals | 46798.12 | — | 102.35 | — | 46900.47 | 47292 |

| | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Endow- ment | Total this year | Total last year |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Other expenditure</i> | | | | | | |
| Church Gas | 1396.03 | — | — | — | 1,396.03) | — |
| Church Electricity | 645.27 | — | — | — | 645.27) | 2500 |
| Church Water | 98.03 | — | — | — | 98.03) | — |
| Church Insurance EIG | 2660.61 | — | — | — | 2660.61 | 2584 |
| Church Routine repairs | 2685.82 | — | — | — | 2685.82 | 1620 |
| Church Cleaning wages | 923.00 | — | — | — | 923.00 | 948 |
| Upkeep of Services | 843.27 | — | — | — | 843.27 | 339 |
| Organ tuning and repairs | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Worship materials | 70.00 | — | — | — | 70.00 | — |
| Governance/Fees to Diocese | 1413.00 | — | — | — | 1413.00 | 2137 |
| Friends expenditure | — | 247.39 | — | — | 247.39 | 1098 |
| all Running expenses | 394.01 | — | — | — | 394.01) | — |
| Hall Cleaning wages | 3681.90 | — | — | — | 3,681.90) | 3791 |
| Hall Utilities Gas | 1393.70 | — | — | — | 1,393.70) | — |
| Hall Electricity | 509.32 | — | — | — | 509.32) | 3817 |
| Hall Water | 790.51 | — | — | — | 790.51) | — |
| Cleaning materials and refuse | 439.08 | — | — | — | 439.08 | 1013 |
| Hall Insurance EIG | 1330.31 | — | — | — | 1330.31 | 1309 |
| Telephone | 746.83 | — | — | — | 746.83 | 740 |
| Stationery and postages | 702.22 | — | — | — | 702.22 | 4062 |
| Hall Routine repair/maintenance | 289.78 | — | — | — | 289.78) | — |
| O S R Routine repair/maintenance | 515.82 | — | — | — | 515.82) | 3967 |
| Old School Room Gas | 555.46 | — | — | — | 555.46) | — |
| Old School Room Electricity | 233.31 | — | — | — | 233.31) | 1515 |
| Old School Room Water | 167.20 | — | — | — | 167.20) | — |
| Major Repairs to church | — | — | — | — | — | 69016 |
| Major Repairs to Hall | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Major Repairs to Old School Room | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| New Building Work | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Transfers | 4062.35 | — | 7570.36 | — | 11632.71 | — |
| <i>Other expenditure Totals</i> | 26546.83 | 247.39 | 7570.36 | — | 34364.58 | 100456 |
| Expenditure Grand totals | 73412.49 | 247.39 | 7672.71 | — | 81332.59 | 148269 |

All Saints' Church Cleadon – 1132228
as at: 31 December 2020

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

| Class | General | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | Total | Last year |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| Fixed assets - Tangible assets | | | | | | |
| Parish Hall at Cost in 1938 | 2228.00 | — | — | — | 2228.00 | 2228 |
| Total | 2228.00 | — | — | — | 2228.00 | 2228 |
| Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand | | | | | | |
| Current account | 6930.69 | — | — | — | 6930.69 | 4572 |
| C B F Deposit account | — | — | 6955.86 | — | 6955.86 | 10542 |
| Friends Current account | — | 633.04 | — | — | 633.04 | -104 |
| Friends CBF Deposit account | — | 2355.87 | — | — | 2355.87 | 2345 |
| Total | 6930.69 | 2988.91 | 6955.86 | — | 16875.46 | 17355 |
| Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year | | | | | | |
| Deferred Income | 640.00 | — | — | — | 640.00 | — |
| Total | 640.00 | — | — | — | 640.00 | — |
| Net total assets | 8518.69 | 2988.91 | 6955.86 | — | 18463.46 | 19583 |
| Represented by | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted - General | 8518.69 | — | — | — | 8518.69 | 6800 |
| Designated - Friends | — | 2988.91 | — | — | 2988.91 | 2241 |
| Restricted - Repair | — | — | 6955.86 | — | 6955.86 | 10542 |
| Total | 8518.69 | 2988.91 | 6955.86 | — | 18463.46 | 19583 |

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC Accountability 5th Edition. The Charities Act 2011 is a consolidation of previous Acts but did not introduce new legislation. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned Giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC receives the amounts due. All other income

is recognised when it is received. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Assets Retained for Church Use.

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Cleadon Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P Calvert,
33, Southmayne Road,
Sunderland,
SR4 8QU


Independent Examiner

15th March 2021.

Church Reports 2020

Worship

Services

Our normal pattern of worship was due to be changed from May 2020 to take account of the parishes of Whitburn and Cleadon sharing the ministry of the same priest, given the Sunday morning service times had considerable overlap. The Covid-19 pandemic just added to the disruption.

Initially worship was offered through an audio recording made available on a dial-up service (0191 814 1214) and the church website each Sunday. This was added to with a gathering across the internet using video-conferencing to enable Morning Prayer to be said on Sundays and Thursdays.

In between the three national lockdowns we met for socially distanced Holy Communion at 9.00am on a Sunday and 10.00am on a Thursday. These were limited to a maximum of 16 households to enable appropriate distancing to be kept.

Gathered Morning and Evening Prayer on a Saturday ceased and is not currently planned to restart.

Vernon Cuthbert

Music

In November Gordon Trehwhitt our organist for the last 20 years informed us that the time had come for him to retire as our organist and choirmaster. We were very sorry to lose him after so many years of faithful and talented service. The PCC arranged for a small 'thank-you' gift to be delivered, and it is hoped that some time in 2021, when we

are allowed to meet again and sing again, we can invite Gordon back for a proper send-off – with cake!

COVID rules have prevented the choir from singing in church since the first lockdown in March 2020, and since then alternative ways of providing music in church have been explored and adopted: music from CDs has been played in church services, and in September we purchased the licences needed to broadcast recorded music during online services.

We are seeking a new organist to join us when regulations ease in 2021, so if you know someone who might be willing to offer this important ministry to the church please get in touch.

Vernon Cuthbert

Home Communion

Home Communion is normally available to any baptised Christian within our parish. However due to COVID restrictions it has not been possible to offer Home Communion since February 2020. For further information please contact Revd. Vernon Cuthbert.

Robina Lawson

Intercessions and Readers

For most of the year the rotas for intercessors and readers were somewhat disrupted.

With the onset of weekly audio services the Churchwardens took on the task of organising readers to participate in the recordings. Prayers of intercession were generally not included in the services but members of the congregation were encouraged to pray privately. A weekly prayer resource, including the names of those asking to be remembered in our

prayers, was circulated via email by Jean Higgin.

On the occasions when we were able to meet in Church for services of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer, Vernon led the intercessions and prior to the service the Churchwardens made requests for readers.

Anne Hudson

Children and Young People

Toddlers@All Saints

Initially the group closed and has not reopened in the normal way in the building, as it was felt that given the age of the group they were not able to social distance and avoid sharing of equipment. However part way through the year I decided, on observing how popular visits to the pond were by families to feed and watch the ducklings, that maybe I could read a story with a craft relating to the story, recording both to post on Facebook. The craft packs with all the necessary parts of the craft were then placed into zip-locked bags to be pegged on a line at the pond. This proved very popular and has continued throughout the year. Generally around 12 are collected each week, although one week 22 bags were taken to complete at home!

During advent our first craft was an advent candle ring with the children being encouraged to add their paper flames a week at a time, and part of the Christmas story was read to them as well as that week's story (conveniently there were four Wednesdays in December). The final story was Jesus' Christmas party and the children were able to make a nativity stable fridge magnet.

The feedback I have received has been really positive and encouraging. Some of the parents have inboxed pictures of their children and their completed crafts which has been delightful.

It's obviously not the same as meeting in person but I do feel it has filled a need in the community.

Janet Cuthbert

Young Saints and Saintlets

During 2020 it has been difficult to know how to continue Young Saints. I have tried online stories and craft, trying to link to the bible readings for the week. It was pointed out that many of the youngsters may be screened out with having to complete school work online. So I have tried to keep in touch with all our families at regular intervals, sometimes dropping a letter and sweets round to let them know we haven't forgotten them. A number of them have joined us on zoom for church on 3rd Sunday of month and it has been lovely to see them.

A number of the parents have said how much they miss church and young saints. Please pray for all our families (around 20 families) and how we can keep in touch .

Janet Cuthbert

Cleadon Church of England Academy

This has been a most unusual year for everyone, but schools have had a particularly turbulent time of it! We received the directive to close on 20th March 2020 to the majority of pupils, remaining open for key worker children and vulnerable children. Fortunately, we had anticipated this move and the children were armed with the tools to transfer their learning online. Strict protocols were put in place for those children attending school, with everyone maintaining their social distance – not so easy when you are a primary aged pupil.

The Academy continued in this way until June, staying open during holiday periods and even on Bank Holidays. Staff volunteered to work during these periods – we were all very happy to

support the key workers who needed to be at work.

At the beginning of June, when we were told that we could start to open up to more pupils, 'Bubbles' were born! The design of the Academy lent itself very well to the idea of operating within Bubbles and by the end of the Summer Term we had welcomed back all the children whose parents wished them to return – all except for our Nursery children as we had run out of room.

The Academy staff spent the summer preparing for the full return in September – a Recovery Curriculum was written, plans were made, detailed guidance written for staff, parents and of course the children. The building was given a thorough deep clean and everyone began to look forward to full classrooms once more.

The children returned to school happily, attendance was excellent and learning continued. We installed extra sinks into all the classrooms to help with the frequent handwashing requirement – which incidentally takes a lot of time! We did have a few positive cases of Covid, but the Bubble system was effective and minimised the number of children who had to isolate. Remote Learning recommenced for those children who now needed to work at home.

Christmas in school was slightly different, but we did manage to adapt: children learned to 'sign' carols rather than sing, Christmas parties were smaller and Santa visited virtually (although thankfully he still left presents!). The term went well, the children were quickly catching up with their academic work and we finished off

the term with a Brass band playing carols outside the Academy (at a safe distance of course!), getting everyone nicely in the festive mood.

The year has definitely been unlike any other school year I have ever known, but despite everything going on in the world around us, we have still found positive moments. The children have proved amazingly resilient, adapting quickly to a new way of learning. Relationships have actually been strengthened, every part of the school community has wanted to work together to do the very best for the children. The staff have worked relentlessly, acquiring many new computing skills needed to deliver lessons virtually and supporting the children and their families along the way, whilst juggling their own family challenges and commitments. We are still not sure what the year ahead of us will bring, but we know now we have the strength, skills and support to afford our children the opportunity to develop and thrive.

Mrs. J. Gray (Principal)

1st Cleadon Rainbows

We have 17 Rainbows and continued to work on the activities in the programme before the lockdown. Some of the Rainbows completed interest badges. I was given a surprise party, organised by Rainbow and Brownie leaders, to celebrate my 50th birthday in February. We all had a fabulous time.

Sarah got a new job during the year, unfortunately, this means she won't be able to return to Rainbows and we won't be able to have a farewell party. We wish her well and will miss her tremendously.

Thank you to all the parents for their continued support.

Lisa Nesworthy

1st Cleadon Brownies

We had 25 Brownies at the beginning of the year. We continued to work on the activities in the programme before the lockdown. Some of the Brownies completed interest badges. I was given a surprise party, organised by Rainbow and Brownie leaders, to celebrate my 50th birthday in February. We all had a fabulous time.

2 Brownies have moved up to Guides and have taken part in their zoom meetings. One of our leaders, Elizabeth, moved away to be nearer her daughter and granddaughter in September, and 2 of our Leaders in Training went away to University. We wish them well and good luck for their future.

Thank you to all the parents for their continued support.

Lisa Nesworthy

1st Cleadon Guides

Our unit numbers are down to 10, from 16 in last year's report. We have embraced Zoom meetings since September on a fortnightly basis. It has been tricky and not our usual programme, but we have still had some fun with quizzes, games, cooking, craft and even a Christmas Party.

Lynne Carr & Val Cram

1st Cleadon Rangers

The Rangers had 4 members at the start of the year, but they have now all left due to the added pressures of the year and being in 6th form now. However, they were replaced at the end of the year with 4 new Rangers who have moved up from Guides.

When we have had ad hoc Zoom meetings throughout the year, they are really been to just keep in touch and for a chat, we have however played some games, we did an online escape room and joined the Guides for a Christmas Party.

Lynne Carr

make a Bristlebot robot out of old toothbrushes.

The group has also still been able to camp while in lockdown with our Camp@Home weekends which we will continue into 2021.

Glyn Purvis-McGinn

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Beavers

Beavers met via Zoom when we could. We have been taking part in badge work this year - we have done lots of cooking, we had a pet shop owner come online to show us his reptiles. We have made a bug hotel and did a Scavenger hunt round Oakleigh gardens.

Georgia Purvis-McGinn

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Cubs

We have used a lot of online groups to help us with some of our nights: in one of our sessions a lady from an air museum came online to teach the cubs about planes in the war. Liz Million come on zoom to teach the cubs how to draw. The cubs have also enjoyed the Kahoot quizzes that we have done, and also the cooking sessions. And at Christmas the groups all joined together to watch a Pantomime.

Victoria Purvis-McGinn

30th South Shields (Cleadon) Scouts

Online meetings took a little while to get used to, but we have managed to still do a lot of badge work over zoom. The Scouts have done a Cooking night making Hokey Pokey Candy, and we have had Northumbria Police gave a session on being safe around knives. Scouts have been split into smaller groups to play Cluedo to find out who killed who, with what and where. In one of our sessions we got the Scouts to

Fellowship Groups

Friends in Faith

Our regular meeting is on the 3rd Monday of the month, and we managed to meet for the first 3 months of 2020, with speakers and our annual fish and chip supper after a few games of dominoes.

Gordon Coxon

Men's Fellowship

We meet on the last Monday of the month, but in 2020 we were only able to meet twice: in January Revd Cuthbert spoke about the Advent calendar displays in the village shops – an idea that came from a church in Norton (Stockton), and in February our member Walter Carr gave a video show.

Gordon Coxon

Mothers' Union

We are 13 in number, plus Linda Ferries from Jarrow, one of the Diocese Vice Presidents. Sadly we were unable to meet in 2020 after March, as our members were staying safe as best as they could.

In happier times we meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm. On the first Thursday some of our members join with other members of the church family for Holy Communion in the Chapter House.

Our meetings consist of a short prayer and praise service followed by a speaker, and we always conclude with tea, light refreshments, and some time of fellowship.

Margaret Robson

Mission/Outreach

Caring for the Community

During the Autumn we took the opportunity of an abundance of cooking apples to make two-portion apple crumbles and delivered them to all those we could think of living by themselves, including a number of the residents of Malvern Court. We felt it was a way of reminding them that they weren't forgotten during these isolating times. They were met with delight and brief enjoyable catch ups were had - socially distanced of course.

On 23rd December Helen took over the vicarage kitchen and set about mass-producing sweet-mince pies. She then delivered gift bags containing four mince pies and a shot glass of brandy butter, complete with festive beeswax lid, to about 30 individuals.

Janet & Helen Cuthbert

Pastoral Care Group

We still have eleven members, Audrey Bolam, Enid Bage, Jean Higgin, Anne Hudson, Margaret Robson, Jan McGill, Linda Ross, Ellen Smith, Val Wallbank and Margaret Westerberg, plus our Methodist representative, Kathleen Robinson. In addition we have three new "honorary" members, Robina Lawson, Janet Birchall and Helen Belsham, who joined us when the church's Telephone Tree ended.

The group met in the first three months of 2020 and, from then on, have been keeping in touch by telephone and e-mail. We have shared our knowledge of those needing pastoral care and acted upon it wherever possible. Each member has telephoned all those on the electoral roll, apportioned to them on

their Care Lists, thus covering everyone at least fortnightly. We also kept in touch with those on the Parish Network.

The intercession list has been updated and e-mailed to at least forty people each week.

The All Souls' Service invitations were sent out as usual, mainly by e-mail. Many bereaved people appreciated the service, especially the names being read out in the garden.

There was only one baptism, but Ellen has continued to post baptism anniversary cards. Val has sent bereavement cards and Linda has sent wedding anniversary cards. Ten gifts of hyacinth bulbs, donated again by George Wilson, were delivered to the sick and lonely at Christmas.

Although we have not held many of the normal activities, we have tried to show God's love and care for others in different ways, wherever possible.

Jean Higgin

The Community Brew

The Community Brew has been closed since March 2020, and will be for the foreseeable future. However, I am keeping the faith and expecting to welcome customers once again, as soon as that is legally allowable.

Lesley Smith

Children's Society.

As usual throughout the year, supporters of The Children's Society have been using the home box collection scheme to make their donations to this worthwhile charity. Ordinarily, the boxes would have been gathered in during the months of July and August but this year it had to be later, and some of the boxes from our

community are still being collected. Donations so far totalling £592 have been given to The Children's Society. In December, Vernon led a virtual Christingle Service and those who would normally bring along filled Christingle collection candles or offering envelopes in aid of The Children's Society, kindly returned them to Church. On behalf of The Children's Society, thank you for faithful and generous support.

Anne Hudson

Christian Aid

For many years the house-to-house collection has been the main fund-raiser for Christian Aid but sadly we did not manage a collection in 2020. However, if anyone like to make a donation to help this charity I would be willing to co-ordinate and send any monies to them.

It would be fantastic if someone were to come forward to co-ordinate a whole village collection for 2021 – if that is you, you can depend on my help. Contact me by phone (5363346) or email (lesley.smith@live.com)

Lesley Smith

Coffee

Just before Christmas 2007, I was invited to take over the running of the church coffee operation. This included coffee after Sunday morning worship, and also Saturday coffee mornings about 5-6 times per year. Luckily for me trained teams were already in place for these events and so all was well.

In last year's report I stated that it was time for me to step down after some 11 years or so at the helm. I am therefore very happy to record that Anne Hudson has stepped into the role, which is most welcome.

Because of the lockdown there were only four Sunday coffee mornings in 2020, donations from which contributed £61.70 for church funds.

One aspect I would stress: it is very important that all those attending are made welcome and spoken to, whether at tables at coffee mornings or in small groups on Sundays – all need to be made to feel welcome.

In closing I would like again to thank all team members, and other volunteers, who made and served refreshments for Saturday coffee mornings and on Sundays after 10am worship. Also the Cubs/Scouts who often arrange the tables and chairs after their meeting on Friday evenings. This allows setting of the tables the same evening so that when other members of the team arrive on Saturday they can prepare the refreshments.

Finally, hopefully it will not be too long before we can resume our normal service.

Communications Group

Members are Brian Bage, Allan Bailey, Gordon Coxon and Keith Higgin, assisted by Margaret Laws, Walter Carr, Ken Oley and Anne Hudson for collation. Anne also maintains distribution lists and acts as Advertising Manager. Thanks are due to all these helpers.

We produced 2 editions of The Courier in February and March, and resumed for October, November and December, when we hear that people were pleased to read the Courier again.

Easter and Christmas cards were not able to be produced and distributed and the Information Booklet still needs to be updated.

Keith Higgin

Finance and Property Group

The group monitors income and expenditure and also reviews the statutory fees at the beginning of the year. Helen Belsham had resigned as treasurer at the end of 2019 and Keith Higgin took over as treasurer in February. We have been able to meet our Parish Share pledge of £40,000 this year.

Work has been completed on the repairs to the Old School Room and the new coverings for the stained-glass windows in church have been fitted. Much other relatively minor work has been carried out and we are indebted to Walter Carr for all that he does unseen during the year.

Keith Higgin.

Social Committee

Like other groups, the planned activities of the Social Committee have been

disrupted, as no major events have allowed to happen over the year.

However we are feeling buoyant enough to think we will get some plans in place as soon as such social gatherings are possible.

Lesley Smith

Friends of All Saints

The membership of the Friends at the start of 2020 was 79 Adults and 9 Children. We purchased 271 copies of the Cleadon Courier at a cost of £135.50.

We were unable to sell many plants and jams once church services had to stop, so with the help of Ron Richardson we managed to sell several items through the internet. These included a set of dining chairs, an antique clock and camera, and bathroom equipment making a total of £220 for The Friends.

Our trip to Walton had to be cancelled which was most disappointing.

Again, we wish to thank our 'Friends' for their help and support. Anyone interested in joining The Friends please contact us at 5 Woodlands Road, Cleadon.

Helen and Ernie Belsham

Gardening Team

We held a fund-raising coffee morning just before lockdown, which enabled us to pay for lawn maintenance, green bins and some seasonal planting. Thanks to those who have kept the gardens tidy.

John Byers

Gift Aid

We currently have 27 people giving their gift-aided donations regularly either by standing order or by direct debit through

the Parish Giving Scheme, meaning the income from these has remained steady throughout the year. Others give weekly through the envelope scheme and we are extremely grateful to those who have continued returning their envelopes throughout this year. If anyone wishes to change to the Parish Giving Scheme and pay regularly by direct debit please speak to either myself or Keith Higgin.

I would like to thank Robina Lawson for all the help she has given me since I took over the role of gift aid secretary on a temporary basis until someone else can be found.

In the period from 01/01/2020-30/11/2020 we will have benefitted from a total of over £8000 in gift aid which is critical to our income. Thankyou everyone.

Jenny Grant

Health and Safety

2020 has been a very strange year for us all. The health and safety of everyone has never been more important than it is now.

Over the year I have carried out inspections where possible and have found nothing untoward to report.

My thanks go to those church members who have overseen the cleanliness of the church sites whilst keeping us safe, when I could not.

Helen Belsham

Parish Administrator

Normally I would start by saying 'where's the time gone', but not on this occasion as it has been a long year and we have all had to adapt to big changes that have come our way. I would like to

say thank you to all the Church users for all their support and also adapting to the changes that needed to be made. I know it has been very challenging at times.

I would also like to thank our Church Wardens who have worked so hard to make sure groups that were allowed to continue could do so safely.

On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to say like many I have missed my daily work routine and that's mainly due to the people who take the time to call into the office even if it's just to say hello.

I hope eventually over time we will all adjust to the new normal. I look forward to welcoming everyone back but, more importantly I hope you all stay safe and well.

Shirley Newton

Shared Ministry Development Team: Partnership for Missional Church

The second year of Partnership for Missional Church began in March 2020. During the year the Steering Team have continued to meet regularly, mostly via zoom. There have also been virtual meetings of Steering Team leaders, clergy and cluster meetings which bring together all the churches in the cohort.

Being unable to meet with community groups has slowed progress on our missional challenge, but this true for the whole cohort, and we hope to make up for this next year.

We are continuing to develop our understanding of the six PMC spiritual practices. We now use "Dwelling in the Word" at the start of all our meetings

and just before Christmas the PCC agreed to upgrade zoom to enable pair and small group work, which has enriched this practice. This year we were introduced to two new spiritual practices, "Dwelling in the World" and "Hospitality" which will be important in building good relationships within the community as we move forward.

We are grateful to Craig at One Stop and Steve at Steve's News for enabling us to put prayer cards in our local shops at the start of the first lockdown, and to South Tyneside Council for permitting us to put up a nativity scene on the village green at Christmas, and we are looking forward to re-engaging with our community groups as soon as it is safe to do so.

Marie Philpott